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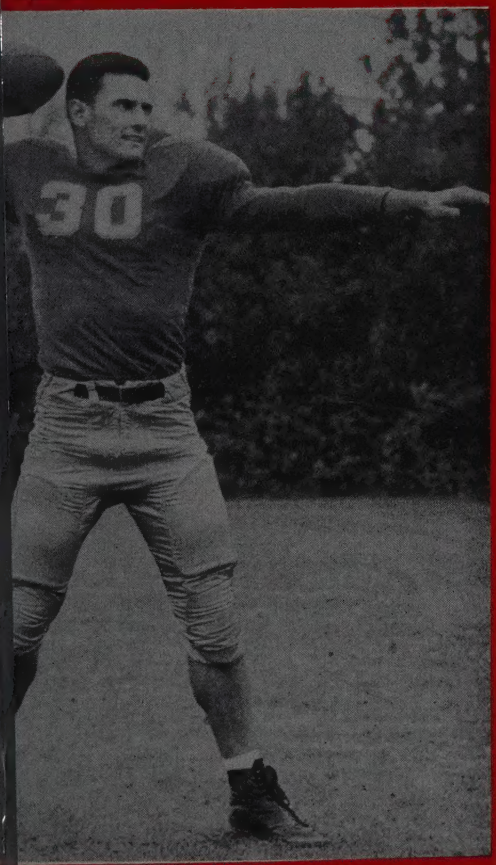

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Kulsar: Former Pro Football Player Becomes Lutheran Pastor.
(See page 5)

Brotherhood Provides Youth Building

The members of the Brotherhood of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, Albany, Georg the Rev. Charles W. Easley, pastor, have provided a youth building for the congregation. T structure was built entirely by the men of the Brotherhood from the original designing to laying of the tile. Seaford Jackon designed the building and was in charge of the constr tion. Jerry Butt was responsible for having materials on hand, and Herman Kramer served the providing of special material donations. Edward Reeves was president of the Brotherh at the time.

The building was dedicated "The Thomas Patton Memorial Hall." The youth center is memory of the first youth advisor who was a lieutenant in the United States Air Force. lost his life in a crash while on duty in Alaska.

The finished building is a 24x20-foot panelled room for youth activitiy. The ab picture shows the people gathered for the dedication of the completed structure.

The women of the church also had a part in the whole project by giving the workn their noon meal on Saturdays.

—Paul J. R

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What PRT Is Doing

BY

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Radio and Television Center, Inc., Atlanta, Ga. Left to right: Warde Adams, Jr., producer; Richard T. Sutcliffe and Charles C. Hushaw of the ULCA's PRT staff; the Rev. John Brokhoff, formerly of Atlanta, and Dr. John Alexander, president of the Atlanta Protestant Center.

After 3½ years of operation, just w effective is the work of the Dertment of Press, Radio and Teleion of the United Lutheran urch?

It's a good question. And it is good a department to take a critical k at its own operations, and to see w close it comes to carrying out the ndate of the Church . . . "to exd the Gospel through the effective of print, voice and the impact Christian personalities" through ne public press and magazines, dio and television."

I suppose one Sunday last summer uld have given one a quick glance PRT.

Over a New York radio station. d 300 others across the United tes that Sunday morning, came voice of Dr. Edmund Steimle and uplifting anthems of the choir of ttenberg College. It was one of a ies of 11 half-hour programs proced by PRT for the United Lutheran Series of the Protestant Hour.

A few hours later, over the coast-to-coast NBC television network program, "Frontiers of Faith," Dr. Henry Endress, ULCA stewardship secretary and executive secretary of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement, was speaking on the practice of Christian stewardship in daily life.

Before me was a copy of the 4,500,000-circulation New York Daily

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News, turned to a top-of-the-page news story, bearing the headline, "Lutherans' Rolls Gain". The news story, which appeared in hundreds of other daily newspapers across the country, read: "The United Lutheran Church's Sunday School enrollment now exceeds 1,000,000." The story went on to carry information which PRT had obtained from Dr. S. White Rhyne, executive secretary of the Board of Parish Education, the news being distributed to the major newspapers in the U.S., Canada, the wire services, Religious News Service and the religious press in general.

This was not all,

Over Radio Station WOR, New York City, flagship station of the Mutual Network, came the voice of Dick Sutcliffe, broadcasting his weekly 15-minute "Church World News" program. In addition to the millions who hear "Church World News" over WOR, it is also carried over nearly 100 other stations from coast-to-coast, in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico.

What I am trying to point out is that on a typical Sunday, PRT was trying to make the most effective use of "print, voice and the impact of Christian personalities."

Editor's Note

The Kitchener Convention of the Brotherhood adopted a memorial submitted by the Georgia-Alabama Synod Brotherhood to lend financial support to the radio and television ministry of the Church through the Department of Press, Radio and Television. The memorial was presented to the ULCA Executive Board, which recommended that the ULCA Brotherhood refer the memorial to the synodical Brotherhoods, suggesting that they adopt the memorial as a synodical Brotherhood project. That has been done. The memorial solicits contributions from local Brotherhood groups of $25 or $50, and individual contributions of $10 or more.

How many millions saw Dr. dress on "Frontiers of Faith" heard him discuss Christian stew ship, no one can tell.

How many millions of oth heard Dr. Steimle's sermons, cliffe's award-winning news progr and read about the United Luthe Church in their Sunday newspap is anybody's guess.

The point is that, in as favora light as possible, through the pr and on radio and television, PRT carrying the name of the United theran Church in America, to milli of homes across the continent.

That is what the two laymen have been called to direct the dep ment envision their job to be, "creating a favorable atmosphere His Church by publicity that the attention and attracts the loy of the reading, listening and view public to its message and minist

PRT's work is an on-going gram. Every week news stories ab the life and work of the ULCA, boards, agencies, and auxiliaries, to more than 300 daily newspap the religious press and the wire s ices in the U.S. and Canada. Ne paper advertising mats by the th sands go to ULCA congregations help them on the local level. Ph graphs and news mats of ULCA ac ities and personalities are sent daily.

The two staff members, as ac leaders of the Broadcasting and F Commission in the National Cou of Churches, help to determine policies and programs of radio television broadcasting in the na of Protestantism across the nat

Close relationships are maintai with press officers of the Natio

uncil and the World Council of urches, with press, radio and tele- ion departments of other major de- ninations including the Division Public Relations of the National theran Council along with the De- tment of Public Relations of the theran Church—Missouri Synod. Press, radio and television cover- of the biennial conventions of the CA and conventions of United Lu- ran Church Women, the Brother- od and the Luther League of erica, is under PRT's direction. wever, news about the Church and officers, agencies, boards and aux- ries is distributed by the depart- nt at frequent intervals throughout year.

In addition to providing news out the Church to the leading gazines, PRT is frequently called editors for information about the urch, and also for special articles l pictures. Very often news about ULCA finds its way into the reli- us columns of *Time* and *News- ek.*

In the past three years, PRT was trumental in utilizing in the name the United Lutheran Church nearly 00 hours of radio time. An over- elming majority of it was public vice time, donated by local sta- tions and networks. In the field of "direct Christian witness," PRT has presented Dr. Steimle on the 1955, 1956 and 1957 United Lutheran Series of the Protestant Hour. These programs were heard in millions of homes from coast-to-coast over 300 U. S. radio stations plus the U. S. Armed Forces Radio Network.

In the area of "creating a favor- able atmosphere" for the Church, "Church World News" is aired week- ly over stations in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Canada and the United States. The inter-faith pro- gram won two outstanding national radio awards during the past bienni- um. In 1955, the National Conference of Christians and Jews recognized it for "outstanding contributions . . . to the mutual understanding among people of diverse background." In 1956, the program received a major Ohio State Award "for presenting in skillful and enthusiastic style a news- cast made up of church news so broadcast as to attract the listener's attention, but especially for the com- prehensive and unbiased selection of news without any suggestion of denominationalism."

In addition, ULCA churchmen have been placed on such network radio programs as CBS "Church of the

Cover Photo

It's a little too early to be thinking about football, but this has little to do with football. John Kulsar, 28, of Philadelphia, former professional football player with the New k Giants, was ordained a Lutheran minister last month. He has been called to serve as stant pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New York, the Rev. Dr. Robert D. Hershey, tor.

A native of Buffalo, N. Y., and a graduate of Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., tor Kulsar was a star football player both in high school and college, playing halfback at liams. In 1952 he was signed by the New York Giants and remained with them for six ks; then left to coach football at Shattuck School, Faribault, Minn.

Pastor Kulsar studied for a semester at Concordia Seminary (Missouri Synod) St. Louis, , and transferred to the Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia. He has been doing post- duate work at the University of Pennsylvania, working toward his master's degree in osophy.

Air," "Make Up Your Mind," ABC's "When Evening Comes," NBC's "Faith in Action," "Monitor," and "Harvest of Thanksgiving" and Mutual's "Faith in Our Times." During the past three years, in cooperation with the Broadcasting and Film Commission, PRT produced 14 quarter-hour radio dramas in its "Let There Be Light" series, heard over nearly 300 stations each Sunday.

Since 1954, PRT secured more than 900 hours of religious television time, most of it in the inter-Lutheran TV series of religious dramas in color and black and white over NBC's "Matinee Theater." The dramas were aimed at a target audience of unchurched. By conservative estimates the three hour-long programs presented in the spring of 1956 reached 25,000,000 persons over 134 TV affiliates of the National Broadcasting Co.

In addition to the "Matinee" series, PRT has placed United Lutheran personalities on TV network programs such as CBS' "Lamp Unto My Feet," NBC's "Frontiers of Faith" and "Home," as well as seasonal telecasts, including Palm Sunday and Easter.

What about the future in television?

It's not a $64,000 question, but more of a question of $500,000. It's a question PRT cannot answer, but which will have to be answered by the Church itself in 1958.

Years behind our friends in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, who put $2,000,000 a year into their radio and television ministry, ($800,000 per year for TV's "This Is the Life" and $1,200,000 into "The Lutheran Hour" on radio) the ULCA will have to determine how far wants PRT to go — especially television.

The 1956 ULCA convention proved budgets of $220,000 e year for the 1958-59 biennium with about $100,000 each year marked for television. In its 4 anniversary advance, with dou budgets for benevolence, it has cluded another $500,000 for televis during the biennium. With budge monies and reserves of nearly $1 000 to be accumulated during present biennium, PRT will be to move effectively into the hig competitive field of religious t vision, if the Church feels it is will to raise the half-million dollars cluded in the challenging $5,000, Part II of the 1958-59 budget.

In the words of the Finance C mittee of the Executive Board:

"Television speaks for itself. as enormously influential as it enormously expensive. How m can we ask the people of the ULC give for a vivid witness to the evangelical millions whom televis brings within the reach of the G pel? $500,000 will be a first inst ment at most."

PRT is ready to move forward as fast and just as effectively as Church wants it to go.

A.F.L.B. TO MEET

The 16th Biennial Convention of the American Federation o Lutheran Brotherhoods w i l meet Nov. 21-23, 1957, at th Fort Armstrong Hotel, Roc Island, Ill. ULCA men planning to attend should notify Brother hood Headquarters.

Open Letter

WE OUGHT TO BE CONCERNED!

During the calendar year of 1956 Brotherhood men contributed more in memberships any year in the history of the auxiliary. This amounted to approximately $20,000. **In we can take encouragement.** An additional $1200 was given through the Honorary Life In Memoriam Membership Fund. **But this was not enough.** Were it not for the generous ort of the Executive Board of the ULCA, the Brotherhood would have operated at a it. We ought to be concerned and a large number of men are concerned. Some said so ur Kitchener convention. All voted a larger contribution expected from memberships itchener for 1957.

Some Comparisons

The youth auxiliary of the ULCA, the Luther League of America, has a budget in which anticipate a contribution of approximately $1.95 from each of the leaguers. These g people are responding to this challenging budget. The United Lutheran Church Women, raise more than one million dollars for the work of the boards and agencies of the ch, have an administrative budget of some $165,000 a year. **The men of the church are to give more than thus far they have been challenged.** A few more than 2,300 men he Lutheran Laymen's Movement contribute in excess of $150,000 per year.

1956 Was An Unusual Year

It is true that 1956 was an unusual year so far as expenses of the Brotherhood are con- ed. The expense involved in moving the headquarters to New York City. The expenses lecting and moving a new Executive Secretary to New York. Costs of doing business at heart of the church are are higher than in Bethlehem. **But it is worth it.** And we began with a $2,800 deficit. Thanks to the Executive Board of the ULCA for helping us in this cal period. Thanks to our church we were able to operate during 1956 in the black and r 1957 with a respectable balance.

Here is What We Can DO

For those of us who really want to hasten the day when the Brotherhood will not need financial asssistance from the ULCA there are a few things we can DO. First of all, we enlist and extend the memberhip of our own group. And we can assist in the organizing ew congregational units. By increased membership we can activate more men in the life he church and bring a larger financial response to our auxiliary. But we have other ways one of which is provided for us in our constitution. Article VI, Item 3 of the By-Laws es:

> "Individuals who contribute a minimum of $5.00 per annum, to the Treasury for its budgetary expenses, shall be designated as Contributing members. The Executive Committee may from time to time set up various classifications of Contributing members based upon the amount of the contribution. Contributing members shall have no voting power."

e is nothing to prevent any man concerned enough about the work of the ULCA Brother- d from contributing in accordance with the above By-Law. A number of us could contribute) a year very easily to the ULCA Brotherhood.

But There is Still Another Way

Some years ago the Brotherhood established the Honorary Life and In Memoriam Mem- hip fund. Through this fund you can contribute $10 for a Life Membership for anyone. very one of the affiliated units would take out one membership, the income would match t the ULCA Executive Board has indicated it would grant us in 1958. It could reach 000 per year very easily. Some units of the United Lutheran Church Women subcribe to t and ten Life Memberships in their auxiliary every year. Here is an appropriate way vhich to honor Brotherhood leaders in the congregation, conference and synod. The In noriam Membership costs $50 and if each unit would memorialize some member of the ch who died, this could amount to almost $50,000.

So you see there are ways in which we can hasten the day when we shall not need the idy from the ULCA. I am making my added contribution through one of the above sources I invite you to join me.

Howard L. Logan

Why a World Conclave of Lutherans?

BY E. CLIFFORD NELSON

"Just what do you expect to achieve by this convention?" is what one man asked at a preliminary discussion of the 1957 Assembly. Indeed, why meet in Minneapolis or any other place as a conclave of world Lutherans? This question cannot be answered without a preliminary review and interpretation of past Assemblies.

Needs Met by First Assembly

No Christian communion was so deeply and critically wounded by World War II and its immediate consequences as was the church of the Augsburg Confession. The stench and weariness of total war and the shadow of another liberty-denying power hung over the First Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation held at Lund, Sweden, in the summer of 1947.

The emaciated delegates from Germany and the prophetic voice of Bishop Ordass, of Hungary, were stark reminders of the post-war character of the Lund Assembly. It faced two directions: toward the past to repair the wounds in the Body of Christ; toward the future to evaluate the possibility of a united Lutheran testimony in a dividing world.

At this First Assembly Lutheran representatives from the victorious countries, such as the U.S.A. and Canada, met together with men and women from neutral Sweden, va quished Germany, occupied Norw and Denmark. Moreover, delega from churches-in-exile of Russi conquered Baltic countries, fr Communist-dominated Poland a Hungary reminded all that the L theran Church was living in tensi The theme of this assembly was "T Lutheran Church in the World T day."

It was at Lund that the old Luth an World Convention, organized Eisenach, Germany, was reorgani as the Lutheran World Federati with constitutionally stated purpos

1. to bear united witness bef the world to the Gospel of Je Christ as the power of God salvation
2. to cultivate unity and faith a confession among Luthe churches
3. to promote fellowship and operation in study among therans
4. to foster Lutheran participat in ecumenical movements
5. to develop a united Luthe approach to responsibilities missions and education
6. to support Lutheran groups need of spiritual and mate aid.

Most immediate of these sta purposes was the last, for alread flow of money and goods was be channeled through Geneva from

Dr. Nelson is director of the Third Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation.

ves" to the "have nots." War-haned missions were assisted with sonnel, money, and materials. rches grew out of the rubble. vice to refugees—millions of them xpressed the Savior's compassion. d set in motion and implemented assive demonstration of unity in h and love.

Accomplishments of Second Assembly

n 1952, Hannover, Germany, was site of the Second Assembly of LWF. Delegates discussed Luther- cooperation under the general ne, "The Living Word in a Re-nsible Church." The cordial hos-lity of the German churches, the nusiasm of overseas delegations, large number of visitors, especial-rom America, and the vitality of youth representatives were all in-tions that the Federation had won abiding place in the affections of ld Lutherans. To echo a voice rd at another world congress, the iment seemed to be, "We intend stay together."

Recognizing this testimony of ty, the Hannover Assembly assess-the Federation's structure and re-ped it along what promised to be manent lines of action in the fu-e. Thus LWF work in various ds was consolidated under four manent departments and one per-nent committee: Theology, World sions, World Service, Informa-n, and Latin America.

sk of Minneapolis Assembly

Minneapolis was chosen host city the August 15-25, 1957, LWF embly meetings. This meeting of rld Lutherans will best be antici-ed by studying the experiences of nd and Hannover and by reflect-

NLC News Photo

Dr. Hanns Lilje, Bishop of Hannover, Germany, president of the Lutheran World Federation, will be the LWF's Third Asembly speaker on August 24.

ing on the fact of the Federation's maturing program. In the first place, the time is now at hand to discuss the life of the churches in relation to the constitution's aims and purposes as expressed especially in items 2, 3 and 4. These three, properly understood, are implementations of item 1 ("to bear united witness before the world to the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the power of God for salvation").

In the second place, it is incumbent upon this Assembly to ask and seek to answer what this Assembly can mean (1) to the churches of free Europe, (2) to the churches in Kremlin-dominated countries, and (3) to American Lutheran churches seeking to find each other in merger movements.

The above problems, it seems, have

already been summarized under the chosen theme, "Christ Frees and Unites." The committee felt that the theme must touch the actual problems of world Lutheranism today: the unity of the church and church fellowship as consequent to Christian freedom through justification. Or, in other words, it must proclaim that the liberating "act of God in Christ is . . . an act that unites, and also an act of deliverance from dividing disunity."

The goal and purpose, then, of the Minneapolis Assembly will be to guide the biblical-theological discussion to the natural consequences of the theme; to face the questions of church fellowship and service by the church in the world. Difficult and embarrassing questions dare n avoided or ambiguously answ The implications of Christian fe ship which reach out and in not only fellow Lutherans but other Christians in the ecumene, be made apparent to the church the Lutheran family. But Chri freedom not only unites the chu in theory, it binds them in l service. At this point the Minnea Assembly must ask itself, "How the responsibility of the indiv Christian, as well as the w Church, be awakened to service only in the local congregation, b the world?"

This, it seems, is the answer t gentleman who asked, "Why Assembly?"

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How To Lick Temptation

BY AL DOERRING

What is temptation? It is enticement or suggestion to rebel against and to break off our relationship with him.

Who entices? Satan is the leader of the fallen angels, the world, and the flesh. These have all become satanic forces in the battle for men's souls.

To whom does temptation come? "No temptation," Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10:13, "has overtaken you that is not common to man." Temptation is an antagonist of everyman.

Who is Satan? When we turn to the Bible we are told about his wiles and ways on almost every page. We can realize that we are fighting a dangerous and strong foe. Ephesians 6:11-13 tells us, "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand."

In Matthew 7:15 is the warning, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves." 1 Peter 5:8 states, "Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."

God reassures us that there are ways to lick this foe. I Corinthians 10:13 states, "God is faithful and will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." Many other words of encouragement showing that the battle can be won are in the Bible.

The following is a plot of the battle field as we consider six of the most common temptations that we must lick. They are unbelief, materialism.

Author

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Topic Aims

To lead the men to an understanding of what temptation is basically.

To help the individual to appreciate that he is not alone in facing temptation.

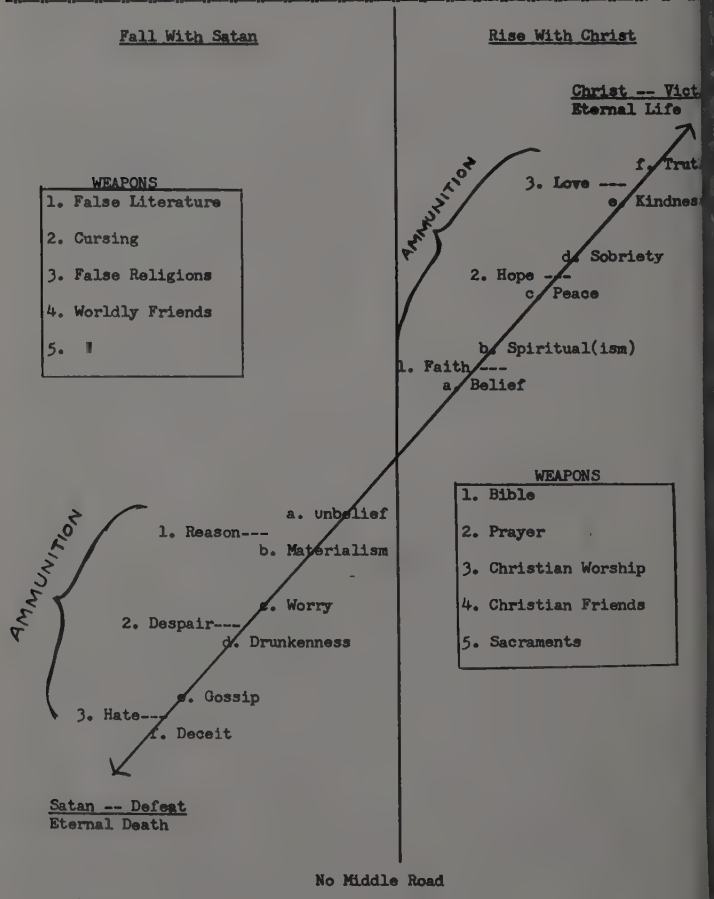
To encourage the men to use Christian resources in overcoming temptation.

worry, drunkenness, gossip, and deceit.

Whittaker Chambers once said that Satan has been able to go underground for the last 250 years. To his delight he has been able to parade as a myth and a big joke.

If men do not believe in him, then they will rely on their own strength and fail to trust in God. In such a set-up God can be forgotten altogether. Satan can sit back and watch men stew in their own confused reasoning, making attempts to work out their own philosophies of life based on science, self, and all things except the truth.

God tells us in Proverbs 1:7 that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of all knowledge; fools despise



and instruction." What happens
n we rely on ourselves can best be
cated by a homely little stanza:
he man who lives for self alone
ives for the meanest mortal
known.

hrough the miracles of the uni-
e, through testimonies of Chris-
friends, through reading God's
d, through answers to prayer, you
give God the opportunity to bring
to a true faith. The suggestions
atan to unbelief will then be seen
eal deceit. God would have us pray
in Mark 9:24, "I believe, help
unbelief."

'Seek First His Kingdom"

Materialism—Satan wants people
ove money. He wants it to have
place in the lives of men. In
much publicity was given to the
n money tycoons who met in the
ewater Beach Hotel in Chicago.
y controlled more money than
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divide their income so that they
sider that a tithe belongs to the
rch and the remainder belongs to
nselves.

ach night when Satan checks he
t jump with glee when he sees
number who have fallen victim
hese temptations. We are remind-
f Luke 12:20, "Fool. This night
r soul shall be required of you;
things you have prepared, whose
they be?"

Spiritual(ism)—"Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things shall be yours as well," Matthew 6:33 states. God does want us to have material goods to be used to his glory and the furthering of his kingdom.

Where were those seven men we talked about above 25 years later? One lived on borrowed money and died broke. One died abroad insolvent. One was released from Sing Sing. One was pardoned from prison so he could die at hime. The other three committed suicide.

We can't help but wonder how different the lives of these men might have been had they used their wealth as a trust from God. All that we are and have has been given us to be used as a response to God's love. "As each has received a gift," 1 Peter 4:10-11 states, "employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who utters oracles of God; whoever renders service, as one who renders it by the strength which God supplies; in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion for ever and ever."

"Have Peace with God"

Worry—When we fall, the devil continues the process of confusing us by getting us to rely on our own reason and strength. Our increased nervous tensions, the tremendous sale of sleeping tablets and headache pills, our high suicide rate show his success.

In his cunning way he is always suggesting that we must work out our own problems. To confide in anyone might prove too embarrassing. After

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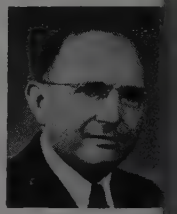
Scouting in the UCLA

By Dr. George A. Eichler

320 E. 20th St., Northampton, Pa.

Roughing It



I had an unusual experience recently while conducting Protestant services at a scout camporee in the Trexler Game Preserve near Allentown. Pa.

It had rained during the night and the grass was wet at the regular place where campfires and religious services are held, so the leaders decided to have the boys stand on the bend of a roadway, forming a semi-circle. So far there is nothing unusual. you say—but wait. What was to be used for a rostrum? Well. a water tank truck had a convenient platform at the side of the large tank, and that was it. For the first time in my career I spoke from a water wagon. I reminded the scouts what "being on the water wagon" means. It would have been a good setting for a temperance talk.

The clothing of the approximately 800 scouts made the occasion still more unusual. The rather disagreeable weather brought out all sorts of apparel, sweaters of all descriptions and colors, boots, galoshes, and all kinds of hats and caps. Joseph's coat of many colors would have been in order there.

The short service was impressive, nevertheless. It consisted of a call to worship, a familiar hymn, prayer, confession, the Lord's Prayer, Scripture reading, another hymn, a brief meditation—in this case by the writer—hymn, closing prayer in unison, and the scoutmaster's benediction. We will be glad to send you a copy of this service upon request.

The subject of my talk, if you interested for your own use, was " Lad Who Did 5,000 Good Turns One Day," based upon John "There is a lad here, who has barley loaves and two fish; but w are they among so many?" That like a true scout, was prepared; brought his lunch, and when he asked to surrender it so the Ma might feed the multitude, he gla did so and thus performed 5. good turns at once and had the st of his unselfish deed recorded in h writ.

(A herd of buffalo had been dri aside so that 1,100 scouts could p their tents.)

A Lutheran First

The first American colony to forbid sla in 1637, was that of New Sweden, on Delaware River, settled by Finnish and Sw ish Lutherans.

Religious Freedom In Action

BY

A. E. IVERSON

World Brotherhood of Scouting

Left to right: Sweden, Great Britain, Netherlands, India, Austria, France, United States.

Valley Forge, Pa., is a place of hal-ed memories. Over its verdant adows and hills the spirit of the riots still lingers. These memories l live again in the experiences of r 50,000 Scouts and Explorers o will encamp at Valley Forge the Fourth National Jamboree, y 12-18.

Over a hundred religious leaders resenting a cross section of the re-ous bodies in America—Roman holic priests, Protestant ministers, bis, Eastern Orthodox Catholic sts, "Mormon" bishops, Christian ence practitioners and readers, Buddhist priests—will be avail-e at the Jamboree to minister to spiritual needs of boys and lead-

n addition to the major religious vices there will be opportunities denominational observances. Such vices will include Episcopal Com-nion, Lutheran worship services, Friends meeting, and others as re-sted.

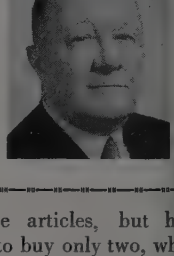
The Jamboree undertakes to be a show window of Scouting in action. Here 50,000 boys and leaders and visitors by the tens of thousands, as well as the millions who observe through TV, radio and the press, will get a picture of Scouting at its best. A basic part of that picture will be on the twelfth point in the Scout law.

For a mental picture of what will take place on Sunday morning, July 14, imagine yourself in a dirigible floating peacefully over the Jamboree scene. As you hover over central area you will see at least seven religious services being held. At this altitude the voices and the music, the chants and the hymns, all seem to blend into one. One gets a panoramic view of religious freedom in action. It is a demonstration of the right of every American to worship God as he chooses. It is an illustration of respect for the conviction of others in matters of custom and religion. This is the American way of preserving "one nation under God."

Education for Living

By Earl S. Rudisill

We Can Learn to Think



"Human beings seldom, if ever, think," those are the words of a famous psychologist. Thomas Edison had posted above his desk these words, "There is no device to which human beings will not resort to avoid the arduous labor of thinking." We can hardly argue about these statements, for within ourselves and about us we can see the evidence all the time.

We humans live on our feelings, emotions, impulses, urges, and habits most of the time. These are our substitutes for thinking, or reasoning. We love our dear prejudices and tend to resent any suggestion that they may be wrong. People like to rationalize their ideas and behavior—discover or invent excuses for them. People sometimes do foolish, immoral, or inappropriate things, and then dig up excuses for doing them.

All of these ways of avoiding the use of reason indicate some degree of immaturity. To some extent they are childish. As grown-up Christians and leaders we should rid ourselves of such practices as far as possible. We can best do it by substituting better ways.

"Think" is a badly misused term—often used to mean day-dreaming, remembering, believing, feeling, or some other mental act. Thinking really is reasoning—facing issues and figuring them out, finding a solution to a new problem. When you come to the fork in the road, which way will you go to reach your destination? If you need three articles, but h money enough to buy only two, wh ones will you choose? Such dilem demand thinking of one type or other.

The hard work of reasoning le in the direction of truth. It opera best in combination with experim observation, or experience. In t light vision blues and greens app brighter (lighter) than reds and y lows—the very opposite of what h pens in daylight. Why? No one kn the answer, but men may theor about it, and perhaps through labor of experiment, observation, a reason some day they discover answer.

We learn to think by using our r soning powers, and facing difficult We may first deal with sim problems, and gradually advance those which call for greater insig skill, and patience. Perhaps we sho work on concrete matters before plunge into complex abstract pr

ems. It will help us also to check our hinking with that of other thinking ersons. Study of the great thinkers f the Bible and those of secular orld may reveal to us worthy patrns.

In order to become good thinkers e must determine to get all possible cts before making decisions, drawg conclusions, choosing a project, r adopting any theory as our own. elinquency, divorce, Christian education, community problems, war and peace—these issues and many others challenge good thinking. With the Christian faith as our background we are in a position to consider all issues in a constructive way. Every person, home, and congregation faces many problems, and so does society at large. Careful Christian thinking is needed—nothing can take its place. Are you ready for it?

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Ohio Meeting

Ohio men meet in Columbus discuss plans for the foration of a synodical Brotherod. Representatives of all of e conferences of the Ohio nod met with members of the ard of Stewardship and Conegational Life. The matter s to come before the meetg of the Ohio Synod for apval.

Here is an Excellent Idea!

The Brotherhood of St. John's Lutheran Church, Lewistown, Pa., has organized a Church Vocations Committee. The purpose is to encourage more young people to choose some phase of full-time church work as a vocation. The committee has offered the following services:

1. Advice about courses to take in high school.
2. Advice and help in choosing a college.
3. Entrance requirements for college.
4. Help in entering a college.
5. Advice and help with financial problems connected with college.
6. Talks with boy and his parents to encourage him to go into the ministry.
7. Offer some 50 possible church vocation possibilities if the ministry does not seem to be the best choice for the boy.
8. Special tutoring if a boy is weak in a school subject.

This is a project worthy of any men's group. The need for ministers is especially acute in our ULCA.

News and Views From Headquarters

By Howard L. Logan

May we suggest that you elect your delegate to the convention of the ULCA Brotherhood to be held at Pittsburgh, October 17-19, 1957. The person elected will have time to make plans, and if your group does not meet during August, the election cannot be held until September. Although it is NOT essential that you register in advance, we are urging that you register as early as possible. The Pittsburgh committee is encouraging men to send registrations for rooms and the banquet as early as possible too. Registration for delegates is $5 and for visitors $2. This should be mailed to the New York Office. Requests for hotel space and banquet tickets should be made to: Convention Committee, Emanuel Lutheran Church, 94 S. Fremont Ave., Bellevue, Pittsburgh 2, Pa.

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In May we reported the resignation of the Rev. Charles Johnson, executive secretary of the ELC Brotherhood, with offices at Minneapolis. We have recent word now that the Rev. Fred Landdeck, executive secretary of the Brotherhood of the American Lutheran Church, has resigned to accept a call to a Wisconsin parish. Pastor Landdeck served in the Columbus, O., offices of the ALC Brotherhood.

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Here is a comment from Christ Brotherhood, Fairfax, Va., "We used the April topic, presented in March issue of LUTHERAN MEN at our meeting. This was our first try at these suggested topics. Our topic leader was well prepared and the problem posed in the topic aroused more discussion that we have had at our meetings at any time previously." The topics can be made interesting if the leader will prepare.

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This month, 50,000 boys will assemble at Valley Forge for the Jamboree. Many of these boys will be from our congregations. And there will be guidance for the boys. Many Lutheran pastors will be present. There will be a Lutheran service. The Protestant chaplain general will be an Augustana Lutheran pastor. We salute all Brotherhood groups that have helped boys attend the Jamboree.

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Almost 1,000 scouts will be helping at the forthcoming Lutheran World Federation meeting at Minneapolis. They will be messengers, first-aid

elpers, guides, parade guards, etc. oren Ness of the National Lutheran ommittee on Scouting is helping to ake this service available to the WF.

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The Northwest Synod, meeting in ppleton, Wisc., was scheduled to se part of the time to survey the ity. The survey was to be made by astors and lay delegates to the an- ual synodical convention. The pur- ose is to determine the number of nchurched people in Appleton as well s to demonstrate to pastors and lay aders how to conduct a community nsus.

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One of the real friends of the rotherhood in the North Carolina nod, the Rev. William B. Aull, died n April 12, 1957. Dr. Aull was an thusiastic supporter of the Brother- od home mission project in his nod. At the recent convention of e North Carolina Brotherhood, Dr. ull was honored with the Home ission Foundation Certificate of erit.

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In the list of the ten largest Broth- hoods in a recent issue of LU- HERAN MEN, we omitted the name Advent Lutheran Brotherhood, est Lawn, Pa. This group has 78 embers and is a member of the inisterium of Pennsylvania. We re- et this omission very much.

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We like the evidence of responsi- lity on the part of one Brotherhood hich recently requested permission om the church council to suspend regular meetings until October. metimes we fail to realize that we e auxiliary to the church. We are organized to serve the congregation.

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We wish to report that a rather large number of mailings sent to names of Handbook owners here in our office have been returned. The persons have moved and cannot be located. We regret this, but we cannot forward them. We have a few left and if you desire one of the mailings for your Handbook and it hasn't arrived, please write us.

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Headquarters is looking for convention programs, minutes of conventions, executive committee and administrative meetings of the ULCA Brotherhood prior to the Atlanta Convention. If you have any and would care to make a gift of them to our auxiliary we would appreciate it very much.

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A recent ULCA survey revealed that where Lutherans had married non-Lutherans, more than 60 per cent of the Lutherans were lost to the church.

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Dr. Donald L. Houser of Chicago was elected executive secretary of the Board of American Missions of the ULCA. He will assume the office on January 1, 1958, when the Rev. Richard H. Gerberding will retire. Dr. Houser currently is secretary of English Missions of the Board.

Howard L Logan

A Worm, and no Man

Glancing at the many volumes on the bookshelf, the visitor inquired: "Is your husband a bookworm?"

"No," replied her hostess, "just an ordinary one."

—Nuggets

Pennsylvania Ministerium News

BY MALVERN W. RUSSELL

The first annual Brotherhood retreat on the synodical level was held by the Pennsylvania Ministerium June 29 and 30 at the Ministerium Camp. Among the leaders for the worship, meditation and discussion periods were Dr. Charles M. Cooper, Judge James F. Henninger, Ralph W. Jordan, Dr. Francis A. Shearer, the Rev. Charles F. Brobst and the Rev. Samuel Kidd. Meditation and discussions were held on evangelism, stewardship, scouting and missions. One of the high points was the question-and-answer period held around a campfire on Saturday night, conducted by the retreat chaplain, the Rev. Raymond Tiemeyer, administrative assistant to Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the ULCA.

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Delegates to the 1957 ULCA Brotherhood Convention at Pittsburgh will be the five officers of the synodical Brotherhood: Herbert I. Punchard, Arthur A. Cassell, Frank R. Kulp, Richard H. Snell, and Alvin Schugard. The alternates will be the conference presidents: Herman Rudelitsch, Wilkes-Barre; George J. Rauch, Reading; William J. Gregory, Pottsville; Theodore Goller, Philadelphia; Alfred Weidemoyer, Norristown, and Marlen E. Miller, Allentown.

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The 1957 synodical convention will be held November 2 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, R. D. No. 2, Lehighton, Mahoning Valley Parish in the Wilkes-Barre Conference.

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A recent study of the need for m in the ministry reveals that in t ULCA today there is a need for 4 pastors in various types of ministri The need will grow as more pasto retire under the social security pr gram. The Brotherhood can assist challenging young men to consid the ministry. Endeavoring to inter our young men, the Pennsylvan Ministerium is planning a pilgrima on Saturday, September 28, to o Lutheran Seminary in Philadelph Plans are in the making for a to through the seminary for all t young men of junior or senior hi school and college age. The progra will be announced later through t Ministerium conferences.

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The scouts of the Ministerium w hold their annual pilgrimage to Mu lenberg College on Saturday, Octob 6.

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The "clean-up and paint-up" pr gram at the camps of the Ministeriu was given the Brotherhood helpin hand on Saturdays, May 25 and Ju 8. One major project for this seas was the painting of the main buil ing at the Ministerium Camp. Th building is bigger than they think u til they actually get to painting it fa to face. The help of all the brothe who gave of their time and ener is greatly appreciated by the Boa of Christian Education of the Min

ium. The paint spatters and eckles taken home by each one will come stars in their heavenly own. Roofing one of the buildings s another major project accomshed.

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lentown Conference sponsored a her-and-son banquet February 7. ports are that it was well attended d proved a success. John Schlegel, asurer of Lafayette College, gave address, "Lives of Great Men," d Don Phillips entertained agically," and the Bethlehem Steel mpany "quarteted musically." This s an unusual attempt for a conferce to sponsor a father-and-son banet.

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The Brotherhood of Holy Trinity, rwick, Pa., Allentown Conference, ints their program for the ENTIRE ar. Topic leaders and the monthly freshments committees are listed. unds like a good start for a successful year ahead. Maybe more Brotherhoods should adopt such a plan.

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The Brotherhoods of St. Luke's of Easton, the Rev. Robert Nelson, pastor, and of St. Paul's of Trexlertown, the Rev. Carl A. Borger, pastor, have recently voted to become members of the Allentown Conference Brotherhood.

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Several Brotherhoods of the Allentown Conference have taken Hungarian refugees (Freedom Fighters), placed them in jobs and given them financial aid until they could become self-supporting.

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The annual one-day retreat was held by the Norristown Conference on June 23 at St. John's, Spinnerstown, Pa. A panel discussion and evening hymn-sing were featured.

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Philadelphia Conference held their annual convention the last of April in St. Matthew's on North Broad

Awards Given at Court of Honor in Meriden, Conn.

At a Court of Honor held in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Meriden, Conn., two Boy Scouts Troop 13 received their Eagle Award. Making the award (left) is Pasqual Forgione, president the Central Connecticut Council. Receiving the award (center) are Sumner Hopkins and vid Ledwith. Hugo C. Reinhardt (right) is scoutmaster of the troop.

At the same event, ten boys received their Tenderfoot award, three their Second Class, r their First Class and six their Star award, and one boy received his Life award.

Seventy-five persons attended the affair, which was parents' night. A dinner was served. oop 13 has 46 members and is sponsored by the local Brotherhood.

Street, Philadelphia. The Rev. Wm. C. Merbreier is pastor. The convention, under the theme "For Such a Time As This," was opened with an organ prelude by Robert Bruce Whiting. The Rev. Bela Shetlock led the invocation and the host pastor extended a warm welcome, giving some of the historical background of a grand old church through which a number of other Philadelphia congregations got their start. Arch J. McQuilkin, prominent Presbyterian layman, gave the address, "The Layman and His Church." He said it was a privilege to act as witnesses for Christ. Each one present was stirred by the challenge of the speaker to a deeper consciousness of his own obligation toward witnessing for his Master. The Rev. Alvin H. Butz, vice president of the Philadelphia Conference, officiated for the installation of the newly elected officers.

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Recently at a meeting attended by two members of the Philadelphia Conference to help St. Paul's Brotherhood in Lansdown revive interest in their Brotherhood, the novel idea was expressed that it might be a new approach for some Brotherhoods to sponsor a father-and-daughter banquet! Has it ever been tried? If any group has ever tried it, please send your advice to Malvern W. Russell, 5441 Pine St., Philadelphia 43. We'd like to hear about your success.

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The men of the Philadelphia Conference are already looking ahead to their annual social event of the year, Ladies' Night Banquet, scheduled for Thursday evening, February 6. 1958 at McAllisters, Philadelphia, known for their snapper soup. The previous banquet was a successful event, wi an attendance of 389.

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The Pottsville Conference Broth hood held a one-day retreat at Ca Nisatin the latter part of June.

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Some of the Brotherhoods of t Pottsville Conference are planning sponsor at least sixteen boys to go Camp Miller this summer.

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Howard L. Logan, executive sec tary of ULCA Brotherhood, was gu speaker and installed the newly ele ed officers for the Reading Conf ence at their annual dinner meeti at Bethany Lutheran Church, W Reading, in January.

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The Brotherhood of Bethany L theran Church, Stoney Creek Mil was presented with a charter by t Reading Conference officers in Fe ruary. Their Brotherhood began wi twenty-seven members.

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A men's rally was held by t Wilkes-Barre Conference on June at Tweedles Park, Weatherly. T Rev. Walter A. Kuntzleman, of

(continued on page 28)

Relief!

A Texas rancher had some boots made c they turned out to be too tight. The bo maker insisted on stretching them.

"Not on your life," said the rancher. "Th boots are going to stay too tight. Ev morning when I get out of bed I got to cor some cows that busted out in the night c mend fences they tore down. All day lo I watch my ranch blow away in the du After supper I listen to the radio tell abo the high price of feed and the low price beef, and all the time my wife is nagging to move to the city. Man, when I get rea for bed and pull off these tight boots, tha the only pleasure I get all day!"

Honorary Life Membership

PHARES G. BEER

1957 Honorary Life Membership Roll

More and more synodical, conference and local Brotherhoods are honoring their retiring and past officers with Honorary Life memberships. Many of these officers made great sacrifices in behalf of the establishment and furtherance of the Brotherhood. Some of them traveled hundreds of miles in organizing Brotherhoods and spent much of their valuable time and paid their own expenses in making such trips. Others paid for stationery and postage in publicizing the work and the activities of the Brotherhood. We should never neglect honoring such aggressive leaders and active workers for the Brotherhood with Honorary Life memberships.

If persons have pased away unhonored it is never too late to honor them with an In Memoriam membership. These In Memoriams may be given even many years after the death of the person honored. The persons honored with In Memoriams do not necessarily need to have been Brotherhood members. This is a splendid way in which to honor outstanding church officials, Sunday school teachers and officers and other auxiliary leaders.

The photograph, obituary and biography of all persons honored with In Memoriams will appear in the August issue of *Lutheran Men.* This material must reach us before July first to appear in the August issue of *Lutheran Men.*

Below is our 1956-1957 group of Honorary Life memberships given by synods:

Canada Synod
- Roy Hilker
- Earl Steiler
- Russel Seibert
- Gus Miller
- Rev. Henry F. Nuhn
- Harold G. Ciceri

Previously reported 6

Central Pennsylvania Synod
- Rev. Thomas A. Berg
- Irwin L. Bortner

Previously reported 19

Central States Synod
- Ray L. Spath
- Herbert Groteluschen
- William H. Suhr
- William H. Suhr

Previously reported 48

Florida Synod
- Howard L. Nash
- Henry V. Kahlenberg, D:D.
- Rev. Carsten H. Ludder

Previously reported 5

Georgia-Alabama Synod
- Peter S. Rhyne
- Frank W. Dasher
- George E. Grann, Sr.
- Jerry Butt
- Seaford Fox Jackson
- Herman C. Kramer
- William B. Ahlgren
- Charles R. Kraus
- Rev. Bergman S. Dasher
- Rev. Robert Hugh Kepley
- William B. Ahlgren
- George V. Minck
- Horace R. Zutbrouer
- H. Smerly Meadows
- Carl M. Bjorck
- G. Robert Furry
- Robert E. Hansen
- J. Edward Reeves
- E. F. Fricke
- R. W. Fricke
- Simon Keller
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Previously reported 29

Illinois Synod
Charles H. Paesch
Otto Tanner
Roy Tanner
Rev. Harry C. Thiel
Previously reported 32

Indiana Synod
Previously reported 4

Iowa Synod
Previously reported 8

Maryland Synod
Thomas L. Walters
George W. Walker
William F. Osche
H. R. South
Mrs. Robert A. Wagner
George F. Theut
Luther S. Wentz
Milton A. Yingling
Previously reported 50

Michigan Synod
Frank Owen
Rev. Louis F. Gunderman
W. E. Moehring
Previously reported 7

New Jersey Synod
Henry M. Waity, Jr.
Previously reported 7

New York and New England Synod
Clarence L. Neun
Doctor Earl Freese
Leland Hokerk
John H. Dudde, D.D.
Guy E. Noddin
Russel S. Gaenzle, D.D.
Richard Henschke
Oliver G. Thomas
Herbert Scholl
Robert Brammer
Kenneth Sapper
Carl V. Tambert, D.D.
Ronald G. Barres
Earl A. Lierson
Previously reported 51

North Carolina Synod
Mrs. Myron C. Fisher
H. P. Hancock
Willie Holshouser
Fred Kluttz
Henry Hill
Ervin J. Brown
Guy H. Cauble
W. W. Cline
Rev. Gray L. Freeze
R. D. Apple
Mrs. James C. Lyerly
John Brent Lyerly
T. Paul Rhyne
Richard Austin
J. Hillory Frye
Rev. Curtis K. Wise
Halbert Rimmer
W. E. McDowell
J. Ernest Cansler
Dr. Herbert A. Fischer
Roy R. Bost
Previously reported 166

Ohio Synod
Harry Baker
Previously reported 11

Pacific Synod
Previously reported 4

PacificSouthwest Synod
Previously reported 2

Pennsylvania Ministerium
Walter R. Kuhns
Maurice H. Grau
Maurice D. Walborn
Harry W. Estricher
Larry Ether
Leidy S. Lewis
Willis K. Gehman
Rev. Philip C. Miller
Rev. Frederick L. Fritsch
Bela Shetlock, D.D.
Edward Mullen
Clarence Schreffler
Charles H. Pommer
Ambrose A. Myers
Reuben Rupp
Jacob Bender
Rev. Arthur W. Kleintop
Warren W. Strouse
Previously reported 129

Pittsburgh Synod
George E. Blankenbuehler
Frank C. Jacobs
Previously reported 41

Rocky Mountain Synod
Previously reported 2

Slovak Zion Synod
Previously reported 1

th Carolina Synod
Mrs. Eugenia Jones Smith
Mrs. Oscar H. Berg, Sr.
Weber L. Rawl
John J. Roof
Robert R. Finkbinner
George Segelken
. T. Bodie
Harvey S. Welch
Walter L. Shaffer
Marvin E. Goodwin
Charles L. Bopp
. J. Bauknight
Salvador Latorre
. C. Howell, Jr.
V. Ralph Taylor
Previously reported 69
as-Louisiana Synod
uther C. Arnholt
Previously reported 8
inia Synod
Mrs. Guy P. Ebersole
Previously reported 1
t Virginia Synod
. C. Cadwallader
onrad Molter
Previously reported 0

Members of the Virginia Brotherhood have honored some of their members for the first time during the year by Honorary Life memberships. Twenty-four synodical Brotherhoods and their members have now cooperated with this program. Twenty synodical Brotherhoods or their members gave Honorary Life memberships during the year. The Georgia-Alabama, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania Ministerium Brotherhoods lead in the number of Honorary Life memberships given during the year. Finally we again please urge all synodical conference and congregational Honorary Life membership secretaries or directors and other interested persons to check the above lists, and if there are any errors in the list- or spelling of names, please notify Phares G. Beer, Ph.D., D.D., 708 John Street, Allentown, Pa., immediately so that the list that will appear in the United Lutheran Brotherhood minutes will be correct.

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Pro Deo et Patria Award

Donald Mattson of Trinity Church, Longview, Washington, receives the Pro Deo et Patria Award from Pastor A. E. Wulf as the parents of the Scout, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mattson, look on. Donald is the first scout to receive the award in Trinity Church.

Sixth Annual Convention of Brotherhood of New Jersey

"We've a Mission" was the theme of the sixth annual convention of the New Jersey Synod Brotherhood at the synod's Camp Beisler, near Califon, N. J. On Saturday, May 4, over 100 men met for a day of discussions, business, and inspiration.

New Jersey Synod Brotherhood

After registration the group was led by the Rev. Floyd A. Paules, pastor of Our Savior Church, Haddonfield, the convention chaplain, in "quiet moments." Two business sessions covered reports by committees, the presentation of causes and election of officers. The Rev. Joseph B. Mohr, editor of *Lutheran Men*, presented the ULCA Brotherhood program.

The following men were elected to office:

President Eugene H. Kelchner, Holy Trinity, Camden; Vice President William Blohm, Jr., St. John's, Jersey City; Secretary Roscoe V. Roos. The Savior, Trenton; Treasurer Albert J. Hastaba, Calvary, Jersey City. Members at large: Northern Conference, Alvin H. Schaediger, Good Shepherd, Weehauken; Central Conference, C. Stuart Burns, Calvary, Cranford; Southern Conference, Newlin W. Stevens, Temple, Pennsauken. Pastoral representative is the Rev. Floyd P. Milleman, St. Paul's, Linden.

Officers and the executive committee were installed by the Rev. Dr. Edwin H. Knudten, president of the synod, who also brought greetings of the New Jersey Synod and commended the men for the work they have done every year in preparing the camp for summer operations.

The highlight of the afternoon sion was the holding of five dis sion groups on the topic "The Mis of the Brotherhood"—to youth, unchurched, the church, in stew ship, and in government. The gro were led, respectively, by J. Wa Koch, former scout committee ch man of the Ministerium Brotherho the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Brobst, ford, Pa. originator of the Ki Men program; the Rev. Joseph Mohr, Brooklyn, N. Y.; the Rev Russell Hale, Ramsey, stewards chairman of the synod; Willi Blohm, Jr., vice president of the s odical Brotherhood and deputy torney general for the State of N Jersey.

It was announced that He Waitz, St. Mark's, Elizabeth, pro nent layman in the synod, had b chosen to receive the "layman of year" award, which was presented the annual meeting of the laymen the convention of synod in Oc City.

The banquet speaker was the R Dr. Harold Haas, newly appoin executive secretary for the Board Social Missions, ULCA, and forme a New Jersey Synod pastor. The R William Laird, Ascension Chur Haddon Heights, was the toastmas

iefs From the Lutheran Evangelism Mission

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ne Colorado pastor and his Fish-n's Club was invited by the local ist church to visit them and ex-n the Lutheran Evangelism Mis-to the congregation.

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uring the prayer vigil, a 28-year-man was heard to remark. "This ne first time I have ever felt that was my church."

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ne elderly gentleman announced he could not pray for the Mis-because he prayed in German. hears the prayers of all his peo-regardless of their language.

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church-school teacher after a t's calling during a Mission d, "I've been teaching about the d for eight years, but tonight for first time I feel that I know the d."

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consecrated young physician t every evening calling during Mission. When asked how he d afford the time for the Mission remarked, "*Any* doctor can do so e wants to. It's a matter of *what* want to do with your time and badly you want to do it."

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efore the Mission, members of a al congregation asked, "Pastor, o's going to take care of my res?" So much did the Mission hold of these people that by the of the Mission all but four of 231 confirmed members had attended, and one of the four was a shut-in.

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A vice president of one of the congregations said, "I always thought evangelism visiting was the pastor's work. Tonight I found out that we laymen have an approach the pastor does not have."

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One pastor writes, "My callers are so fired up for evangelism now that if I tried to stand in the way of their continuing their outreach to our community, I would get trampled underfoot."

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One man reported to the pastor after the commissioning service, "I never felt so miserable in church in my life." This man had previously said in the hearing of the Lay Visits Committee, "There are too many meetings at our church. Don't put me on any committees." When he saw half of the congregation go forward to be commissioned, he was ashamed. He blamed everyone but himself for not being asked. Oh, yes, he served excellently as treasurer of the Mission.

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One active caller went visiting with her husband, who is stewardship chairman of another Protestant church. He assisted her in the calls and joined in the conversations and became so impressed that he is now considering a transfer to his wife's church.

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Ministerium News
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John's, Bath, Pa., was the main speaker. This meeting took the place of their annual retreat.

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The Pennsylvania Ministerium Brotherhood is looking forward to the coming convention in the Wilkes-Barre Conference at St. Peter's in Mahoning Valley Parish in November.

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The Mahoning Parish Brotherhood donated $200 for the Home of Aged at Hazleton, Pa.

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On June 13, St. Paul's White Haven, the Rev. Charles E. Ritter, pastor, held a rededication service for their parish house. The Rev. Peter J. Dexnis, pastor of St. Peter's, Bethlehem, was the guest speaker. The interior of the parish house has been completely renovated by volunteer workers of the church under the able direction of Dr. M. J. Hess. Renovations included the sealing of the ceiling with white tile, plastering the walls, painting the wodwork, installing a new lighting system, and hanging of drapes at the windows and a new draw curtain for the stage. Among those who gave unsparingly of their time and energy were Ralph D. Baetz, J. Richard Barry, Arthur Brandmeier, Clyde Dotter, Harvey Dotter, Carl Feil, George Hess, Karl Klotz, Robert Klotz, Clarence Meixel, Martin Quinn, James Remaley, Eugene D. Searfoss, Harry Schafer, Roger Schoch, Orville Solt, William Storm, Fred E. Silliams, Harold Weiler.

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eace—What peace God can give in time of great sorrow and dis- is shown in the story of H. G. fford. Spafford was a lawyer in cago. In 1871 a great fire destroy- all of his material possessions. years later he sent his wife and children to Europe. The ship sailed on collided with a sailing el. All the children drowned. y Mrs. Spafford was saved. After eceived a cable from his wife say- "Saved alone," he gave expres- to his faith by writing the hymn hen Peace Like a River." The t stanza is as follows:

Vhen peace like a river attendeth my way,
Vhen sorrows like sea billows roll,
Vhatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,
t is well, it is well with my soul.

"Awake and Be Sober"

Drunkenness—What elation for the il as he sees us being passive about the night clubs, beer taverns, nken-driving, broken homes, and lected children.

low all hell must cheer when a per- becomes so enslaved to the habit drink that he gives up in despair. h little imagination we can get a ly accurate view of the filthy talk, cursing, the quarreling, the fight- the money wasted, the worried ilies at home, the heartaches that lt from excessive drinking.

Sobriety—Luke 21:34 tells us, ke heed to yourselves lest at any e your hearts be overcharged with feiting, and drunkenness, and es of this life, and so that day

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come upon you unaware." In 1 Corinthians 6:9 is written, "Do not be deceived: neither the immoral, nor idolator, nor adulterers, nor the homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revelers, nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God."

Statistics tell us that 9 billion dollars was spent on liquor in 1955. Can we deny the greatness of this temptation? We need God's Word as a weapon to fight these temptations and to keep from being trapped by the appeal of the world.

"Have a Tender Heart"

Gossip—Gossiping is a process that builds up like turbulent water running from a creek into a raging river. It leaves destruction behind. It has upset communities for years, set brother against brother, wrecked churches, driven pastors from congregations, and hindered the spread of the gospel.

Do we see the dangers? We should, for it always wants to creep into the church and its organizations. Too many professed Christians are willing to listen to the malicious tales of others. Church members should be the last people in the world to be involved in this evil practice.

Kindness—God warns us in Proverbs 11:12, "He who belittles his neighbor lacks sense." He suggests that we be like the mother mentioned in Proverbs 17:17, "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching

of kindness is upon her tongue." The temptation of gossip can be overcome by listening to God and speaking kindly about everyone. "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with food." (*Romans* 12:21)

"Turn Away from Evil"

Deceit—Satan would have us turn the world into a den of deceitfulness, person against person, community against community, nation against nation. Jesus himself said of Satan, "He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies." (*John* 8:44)

Truth—The Bible calls God truth. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." (*John* 14:6) Many of us would rather be deceived by the evil spirits than receive the truth in Christ. Men must recognize that truth is necessary in fighting temptation. Jesus speaks to us in John 8:31-32. "If you continue in my word you are truly my disciple, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

Conclusion

Our immediate task in the battle to lick temptation is to give God the opportunity to choose us. He has elected all of us but we need to accept the relationship.

Good mental hygiene can only be obtained by keeping good, clear connections with God. Without this we will fall to our enemy on the field of battle.

These conections can be kept open only by continuous use of the weapons God has made available to us—prayer, Bible studies, Christian worship, sacraments, and Christian friends.

We have all fallen. We can again. But God is always read have us begin anew if we will come to h's mercy seat for stre He gives us all we need.

We must keep our weapons sl and our minds alert, for when we strongest and most secure the op ing force may crush us.

Man must come to a decisio Joshua bids us, "Choose ye this whom you will serve," so that w the final day of reckoning comes may say with Paul, "I have fou the good fight, I have finished race, I have kept the faith." Timothy 4:7)

To the Leader

1. Before the meeting starts draw the gram on a chalkboard.

2. After the diagram has been prese in the process of the topic, a second diag may be drawn on which the group lists t own weapons and ammunition. They sh use their experiences and the Bible as basis for their conclusions.

3. Ask several in the group to relate humble spirit how they have been able lick certain temptations. (These men sh have been asked in advance of the mee to do this.)

Service Projects

1. Organize a group of men who will tematically plan and help start family votions in homes.

2. Organize a committee who will be sponsible for giving special encouragement resist temptation to those who are weak

3. Invite speakers from Alcoholics An ymous to a Brotherhood meeting.

4. Plan and carry out ways of increa Christian fellowship among the men of church.

5. Have a group of men make appo ments to hold Christian services in cou jails and prisons.

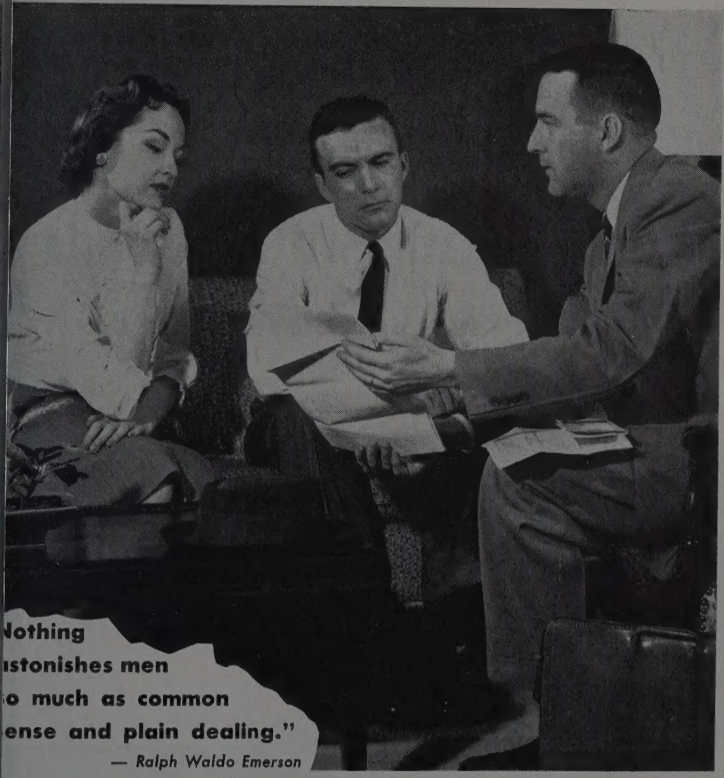
Questions for Discussion

1. Do we win God's favor through resist temptation?

2. What is the Christian's motivation living a good life? What is a good life?

3. What is the danger involved in beco ing masters of small virtues?

4. Why are men of the church so oft afraid to admit their weaknesses to ea other?



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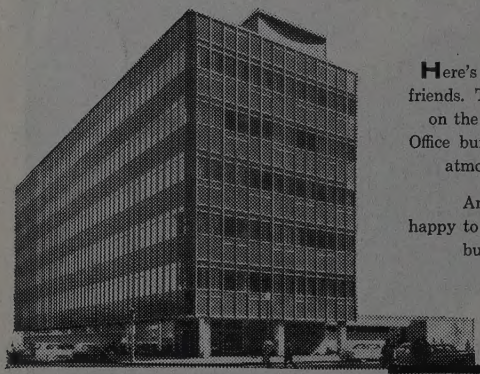

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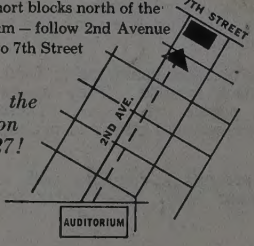

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